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Dear Ms. Watts:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated November 2, 2018, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State, in which you requested "A copy of all files regarding Maurice Girodias, aka Maurice Kahane, publisher of the Olympia Press."

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on November 2, 2018. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. We have classified you an other-use requester.

This Office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Your request has been assigned to the complex track and will be handled as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Averette, Acting Chief
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